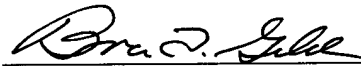


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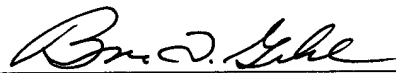
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Preliminary Remarks

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Please note that claim 1 of this application is similar to claim 50 as presented in USSN 09/335,629 (now allowed). It was discovered that claim 50 (and the dependent claim 51) of USSN 09/335,629 was somewhat similar in scope to claim 1 of USSN 09/822,763; a claim that had been rejected by Examiner Horlick. Claims 50 and 51 of USSN 09/335,629 were therefore canceled. So that this subject matter can properly be considered by The Office, this claim is presented again in this new application and reference is made to the prior rejection by Examiner Horlick in the later filed application (USSN 09/822,763).

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